

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6, 11, 18 and 25 as follows:

6. (Amended) A stencil printing emulsion ink comprising:
 - An oil phase component,
 - A water phase component,
 - An alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and/or carboxyvinyl polymer in which the content of the alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and/or carboxyvinyl polymer is 0.2 to 0.4% by weight of the total weight of the ink, and
 - borax, wherein said ink is essentially devoid of a non-ionic surfactant.

11. (Amended) A stencil printing emulsion ink comprising:
 - an oil phase component,
 - a water phase component,
 - an alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer in which the content of the alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer is 0.01 to 1% by weight of the total weight of the ink, and
 - borax, wherein said ink is substantially devoid of a non-ionic surfactant.

18. (Amended) A stencil printing emulsion ink comprising;
 - an oil phase component,
 - a water phase component,
 - an alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and carboxyvinyl polymer in which the content of the alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and the carboxyvinyl polymer is 0.01 to 1% by weight of the total weight of the ink, and
 - borax, wherein said ink is essentially devoid of a non-ionic surfactant.

25. (Amended) A stencil printing emulsion ink comprising:
- an oil phase component,
 - a water phase component,
 - an alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and carboxyvinyl polymer in which the content of the alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and the carboxyvinyl polymer is 0.01 to 1% by weight of the total weight of the ink, and
 - borax in which the content of the borax is 0.001 to 2% by weight of the total weight of the ink,
- wherein the ink is in the form of a W/O emulsion in which the content of the oil phase is 20 to 40% of the total weight of the ink and the content of the water phase is 60 to 80% of by weight of the total weight of the ink, and
- wherein said ink is essentially devoid of a non-ionic surfactant.

Please add new claims 26-30 as follows:

26. (New) A stencil printing emulsion ink comprising:
- an oil phase component,
 - a water phase component, and
 - an alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and/or carboxyvinyl polymer, wherein said ink is essentially devoid of a non-ionic surfactant.
27. (New) A stencil printing emulsion ink as defined in Claim 26, further comprising borax.
28. (New) A stencil printing emulsion ink as defined in Claim 27, wherein the borax is contained in 0.001 to 2% by weight of the total weight of the ink.